

## **SAFE DELIVERY FACT SHEET**

Enacted on January 1, 2001 and amended in December of 2006, Safe Delivery allows for the anonymous surrender of an infant (within 72 hours of birth) to an Emergency Service Provider (ESP) without the expressed intent to return for the newborns. ESP's are defined as a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital, or police station when that individual is inside the premises and on duty. ESP also includes a paramedic or an emergency medical technician when either of those individuals is responding to a 9-1-1 emergency call.

The intent of the law was to allow for an anonymous safe surrender of the newborn without fear of prosecution and to make the child available for adoption. Private adoption agencies assume responsibility for the child as soon as medical authorities determine that the child has not been neglected or abused and that the infant is not more than 72 hours old.

### **2001 Statistics:**

#### **Number of surrenders: 13**

- 2/4/01 Kalamazoo County. A 19-year-old woman accompanied by the father delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 2/14/01 Oakland County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 3/8/01 Oakland County. A 28-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 3/23/01 Oakland County. A 34-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 4/5/01 Oakland County. A 24-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 5/24/01 Muskegon County. A 29-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 6/1/01 Wayne County. A 33-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 7/31/01 Crawford County. A 20-year-old woman surrendered newborn at a hospital.

- 8/8/01 Wayne County. A 28-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 9/5/01 Oakland County. An 18-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 9/17/01 Wayne County. A 16- year-old female surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 11/4/01 Isabella County. A 19-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 12/14/01 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.

### **2002 Statistics:**

#### **Number of surrenders: 1**

- 02/05/02 Oakland County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.

### **2003 Statistics**

#### **Number of surrenders: 7**

- 2/2/03 Washtenaw County. A 20-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 3/15/03 Oakland County. A 39-year-old woman surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 5/8/03 Lenawee County. A 20-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 5/16/03 Kent County. A 19-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 10/1/03 Kent County. A woman of unknown age surrendered newborn at a Fire Department
- 10/27/03 Shiawassee County. Newborn surrendered at a hospital.
- 10/29/03 Kalamazoo County. Newborn surrendered at a hospital.

## **2004 Statistics**

### **Number of surrenders: 8**

- 2/13/04 Monroe County. Newborn was delivered and surrendered at a hospital.
- 5/3/04 Emmet County. Newborn was delivered and surrendered at a hospital.
- 5/7/04 Kalamazoo County. A twenty-three-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 5/23/04 Oakland County. A twenty-three-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 5/26/04 Crawford County. A thirty-eight-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 6/17/04 Oakland County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 9/30/04 Kent County. A woman of unknown age surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 10/28/04 Genesee County. A 31-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.

## **2005 Statistics**

### **Number of surrenders: 9**

- 2/01/05 Macomb County. A 22-year-old woman surrendered newborn at a fire department.
- 2/13/05 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 2/25/05 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 3/09/2005 Kalamazoo County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 3/22/2005 Isabella County. A woman, approximately 22 years of age, surrendered newborn at a hospital.

- 3/26/2005 Washtenaw County. A 33-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 3/31/2005 Oakland County. A 19-year-old woman surrendered newborn at a police station.
- 5/06/2005 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age surrendered her newborn at a hospital.
- 8/01/2005 Jackson County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.

## **2006 Statistics**

### **Number of surrenders: 8**

- 1/1/2006 Wayne County. A 24-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 1/6/2006 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 3/1/2006 Genesee County. Birth parents, ages 35 and 38, delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 3/10/2006 Washtenaw County. A 22-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 7/25/2006 Oakland County. A 20-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 9/8/2006 Van Buren County. A 26-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 10/18/2006 Berrien County. A 21-year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.
- 12/12/2006 Wayne County. A 26 year-old woman delivered and surrendered newborn at a hospital.

## **2007 Statistics**

### **Number of surrenders: 12**

- 1/14/2007 Wayne County. A woman, approximately 40 years of age, delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 2/3/2007 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 2/19/2007 Kent County. A 42-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 2/23/2007 Kent County. A 20-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 4/24/2007 Wayne County. Birth parents, ages 33 and 34, delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 6/18/2007 Oakland County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 6/19/2007 Oakland County. A 17-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 7/10/2007 Oakland County. A 29-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital. The birth father was also present at the birth and joined in the surrender of the newborn.
- 7/17/2007 Washtenaw County. A 25-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 11/10/2007 Oakland County. A 33-year-old woman surrendered a newborn to a hospital. Before the newborn was placed into an adoptive home, the woman filed a petition in court for return of custody. As a result of the court proceeding, the baby was returned to the woman's custody.
- 11/13/2007 Berrien County. A 29-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 12/04/2007 Wayne County. A 34-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.

## **2008 Statistics**

**Number of surrenders: 8**

- 2/19/2008 Oakland County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 2/23/2008 Genesee County. A 15-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital. The birth father was also present at the birth and joined in surrendering the newborn.
- 05/04/2008 Washtenaw County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 05/24/2008 St. Clair County. An 18-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 06/16/2008 Washtenaw County. Birth parents, ages 32 and 34, delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 07/05/2008 Oakland County. A 23-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 07/14/2008 Wayne County. A 19-year-old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 10/30/2008 Wayne County. A 20-year-old woman surrendered a newborn at a fire station.

## **2009 Statistics**

### **Number of surrenders: 19**

- 1/4/09 Wayne County. A 19-year old woman attempted to surrender a newborn at a hospital. However, this case could not proceed under Safe Delivery as it was determined the child was eligible for tribal membership in a federally recognized Indian tribe. The tribe determined that the child was eligible for tribal membership. (Note: this case is not being counted in the number of Safe Delivery cases for this year because the case did not result in legal proceedings under the Safe Delivery of Newborns law.)
- 1/29/09 Oakland County. A 23-year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 2/23/09 Mecosta County. A 28-year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 2/26/09 Muskegon County. Birth parents, ages 35 and 28, delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.

- 3/23/09 Oakland County. A woman of unknown age surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 4/3/09 Kalamazoo County. A woman of unknown age surrendered a newborn at a hospital
- 4/28/09 Genesee County. A 24-year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital
- 4/29/09 Oakland County. Birth parents, ages 30 and 22, delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 5/11/09 Branch County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital
- 5/14/09 Calhoun County. Birth parents, ages 39 and 39 delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 5/23/09 St. Clair County. A 17-year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 5/26/09 Ottawa County. A 29-year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 6/20/09 Oakland County. A 30-year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 7/24/09 Kalamazoo County. A woman of unknown age delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 8/8/09 Oakland County. A 28-year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital
- 9/10/09 Gratiot County. A 21-year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 9/22/09 Wayne County. A 38-year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 11/26/09 Wayne County. A 33-year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital. The woman then contacted the agency for the return of the baby. The agency contacted the court and the court authorized the return of the baby to the mother's custody.
- 12/10/09 Wayne County. A woman of unknown age delivered a child on this date and surrendered the child at a fire station.

## **2010 Statistics**

### **Number of Surrenders: 11**

- 1/7/10 Kalamazoo County. A 28 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 1/23/10 Oakland County. A 28 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital. The woman later decided to proceed with a voluntary release to the agency.
- 3/10/10 Kalamazoo County. A 21 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 3/13/10 Wayne County. A 38 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 4/9/10 Genesee County. A 29 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 4/13/10 Wayne County. A 28 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital
- 5/3/10 Calhoun County. A 26 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 8/5/10 Wayne County. A 37 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 8/31/10 Oakland County. A 21 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 9/10/10 Washtenaw County. A 33 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.
- 9/11/10 Isabella County. A 24 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.



## **2011 Statistics**

### **Number of surrenders: 2**

- 1/23/11 Kalamazoo County. A 26 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital
- 2/3/11 Kalamazoo County. A 29 year old woman delivered and surrendered a newborn at a hospital.

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